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ſenſible how much eaſier it i
give Advice againſt Troubl
the Caſe of another, than to
it in our own.

It hath pleaſed God to e
ciſe me of late with a very
Tryal, in the Loſs of my D
and only Child, in which
perfectly ſubmit to his g
Pleaſure; firmly believing
he always does that which is
And yet though Reaſon be
fied, our Paſſion is not ſo
appeaſed; and when Nature
received a Wound, time mu
allowed for the healing
Since that, God hath tho
fit to give me a nearer Sum
of a cloſer Warning of my
Mortality, in the Danger o
Apoplexy; which yet, I thank
for it, hath occaſioned no
Melancholy Reflections: Bu
perhaps is more owing to

Temper, than Philoſophy
wiſe Conſiderations.
our Caſe, I know, is very dif-
r, who are of a Temper
rally Melancholy, and un-
Diſtemper apt to increaſe
or both which, great allow-
s ought to be made: And
methinks, both Reaſon and
ion do offer us Conſidera-
of that Solidity and Strength,
ay very well ſupport our
s under all Frailties and In-
ties of the Fleſh; ſuch as
:
hat God is perfect Love and
dneſs; that we are not only
Creatures, but his Children,
are as dear to him as to our
s: That *he does not afflict*
gly, nor grieve the Children
n: And that all Evils of
ctions which befall us,
ntended for the Cure and

prevention of greater Evil
Sin and Punishment; and th
fore we ought not only to
wit to them with Patience,
being deserved by us, but t
ceive them with Thankfulne
being designed by him to
that good, and to bring
that sense of him and our s
which perhaps nothing
would have done. That the
ferings of this present Life
but short and light, comp
with those extreme and e
Miseries which we have d
ved: and with that exce
weight of Glory which we
for in the other World, if
be careful to make the best
parations for Death and E
ty. Whatever brings us n
our End, brings us nearer
our Happiness; and how ru
soever the Way be, the Co
A

that it leads us to our Father's
uſe, where we ſhall want no-
g that we can wiſh for. Now
labour under a dangerous
emper that threatens our
; what would we not be con-
ed to bear, in order to a per-
Recovery, could we but be
ed of it? And ſhould we
be willing to endure much
in order to Happineſs and
ternal Life, which God that
ot lie hath promiſed. Na-
; I know, is fond of Life, and
to be ſtill lingring after a
ger continuance here; and yet
ng Life with the uſual Bur-
s and Infirmities of it, is ſel-
n deſirable; it is but the
e things over again, or worſe:
many more Nights and Days,
mers and Winters; a Repeti-
of the ſame Pleaſures, but
leſs Pleaſure and Reliſh; e-

very

very Day a Return of the ſa
and greater Pains and Trou
but with leſs Strength and P
ence to bear them. Theſe,
the like Conſiderations I uſe
entertain my ſelf withal,
only with Contentment but Co
fort; though with great Ine
lity of Temper at ſeveral ti
and with much mixture of
man Frailties, which will alw
ſtick to us whilſt we are in
World: However, by theſe
of Thoughts Death ſeems
familiar to us, and we ſhall
able by Degrees to bring
Minds cloſe up to it, wit
ſtarting at it: The greateſt
derneſs I find in my ſelf, is
regard to ſome Relations; e
cially the Dear and Con
Companion of my Life; wh
I muſt confeſs doth very ſe
bly touch me: But then I
ſid

, and ſo I hope will they
, that this Separation will
ut a very little while; and
though I ſhall leave them
bad World, yet under the
e of a good God, who can
more and better to them than
ther Relations, and will cer-
ly be ſo to thoſe that love
, and hope in his Mercy.
ſhall not need to adviſe you
t to do, and what Uſe to
e of this time of your Viſi-
on: I have Reaſon to believe
you have been careful in
time of your Health to pre-
for the evil Day; and have
n converſant in thoſe Books
ich give the beſt Directions
his purpoſe; and have not,
too many do, put off the
at Work of your Life, to the
of it: And then you have
ing to do, but as well as
you

you can, under your preſ
Weakneſs and Pains, to ren
your Repentance for all the
rors and Miſcarriages of y
Life; and earneſtly to
God's Pardon and Forgive
of them, for his Sake who is
Propitiation of our Sins:
comforting your ſelf in
Goodneſs, and the Promiſe
God, and the Hopes of
Happineſs you are ready to
ter into: and in the mean
to exerciſe Faith and Patie
for a little while; and be
good Courage, ſince you
Land, the Storm which
are in will ſoon be over,
then it will be as if it had ne
been; or rather, the Reme
brance of it will be a P
ſure,

do not uſe to write ſuch Letters, but I do heartily paſſionate your Caſe, and ld be glad if I could ſug- any thing that might help itigate your Trouble, and e the ſharp and rugged Way ugh which you are to paſs a better World, a little more oth and eaſie.

pray God to fit us Both for great Change, which we ſt once undergo; and if we ut in any good meaſure fit, er or later makes no great erence.

commend you to the Fa- of Mercies and the *God of Conſolation*; beſeeching him increaſe your Faith and Pa- ce; and to ſtand by you your laſt and great Conflict: when you *walk through the ey of the Shadow of Death*, you

you may *fear no Evil*; when your Heart fails, and Strength fails, you may find the *Strength of* your *Heart*, your *Portion for ever.*

Farewell, my good Friend, and whilst we are here, let us pray for one another, that we may have a joyful Meeting in another World. So I rest,

Your truly Affectionate Friend and Servant

John Tillotson.

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